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## DIGEST

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HB 15 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides that the time limitations for prosecution of third degree rape when committed under certain circumstances shall not begin to run until the crime is discovered by the victim.

Present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 572) provides that no person shall be prosecuted, tried, or punished for an offense not punishable by death or life imprisonment, unless the prosecution is instituted within the following periods of time after the offense has been committed:

- (1) Six years, for a felony necessarily punishable by imprisonment at hard labor.
- (2) Four years, for a felony not necessarily punishable by imprisonment at hard labor.
- (3) Two years, for a misdemeanor punishable by a fine, imprisonment, or both.
- (4) Six months, for a misdemeanor punishable only by a fine or forfeiture.

Proposed law provides, as an exception to present law, that time limitations for the crime of third degree rape when committed under certain circumstances shall not commence to run until the crime is discovered by the victim.

(Adds C.Cr.P. Art. 573.4)